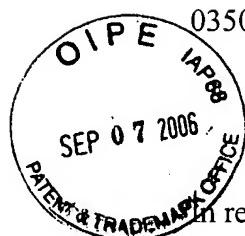


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- (1) U.S. Patent No. 3,490,037
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,539,322
- (3) DE 199 22 125 A1
- (4) JP 06 241763
- (5) JP 57 170347
- (6) JP 2003-44826

Documents (1) to (5) were cited during prosecution of the PCT application corresponding to the above National Phase application. A copy of the International Search Report was filed concurrently with the filing of the subject application and is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Document (6) was cited at page 1 of the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. English-language abstracts for documents (3) to (6) have been located and are enclosed. Concise explanations of relevance of documents (3) to (6) are believed to be provided by the English-language abstracts, the International Search Report, and/or the specification.

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